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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPEICAL SESSION

1. IRANIAN PERM REP HOVEYDA REPORTED TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT
SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH PERMREP RAHAL OF
ALGERIA RE PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.
ACCORDING HOVEYDA, RAHAL HAD IN EFFECT PROPOSED THAT THE
TWO OF THEM SHARE LEADERSHIP IN GUIDING THIRD WORLD TACTICS FOR
SEVENTH SS. RAHAL TOOK POSITION ALGERIA AND IRAN UNITED ON
OBJECTIVES ON BASIS THEIR OPEC FRATERNITY. HE SUGGESTED
HOVEYDA SPEAK IN MORE MODERATE G-77 TONES AND ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT HOVEYSA HAD MORE STANDING WITH DELEGATES FROM INDUSTRI-
ALIZED COUNTRIES. HE HIMSELF, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE TO
EMPLOY MORE FLAMBOYANT RHETORIC TO WHICH NON-ALIGNED
WERE ACCUSTOMED. RAHAL WAS EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF INDIA
(WHO ON OCCASION HAS SOUGHT TO BE MODERATE VOICE IN COMPARATIVE
TERMS WITHIN NON-ALIGNED) AND ACCUSED INDIA OF SUPER-POWER
BEHAVIOR ON BASIS OF "HER ONE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION." HE
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WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF YUGOSLAVIA FOR BEING "TOO SOFT"

AND SOMEWHAT LESS CARPING ABOUT EGYPT AND THE MODERATING COUNSEL IT SOMETIMES OFFERS. ON NO ACCOUNT, SAID RAHAL, SHOULD ALGERIA AND IRAN LET "THE LITTLE ONES" HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THIRD WORLD POLICIES. THOSE COUNTRIES REQUIRED STRONG LEADERSHIP.

2. HOVEYDA FOUND IN THE ABOVE STATEMENTS EVIDENCE THAT ALGERIA IS HAVING PROBLEMS OF LEADERSHIP WITHIN THIRD WORLD AND HAS COME TO REALIZE IT NEEDS HELP OF STATES SUCH AS IRAN WITH ECONOMIC WEIGHT AND MORE MODERATE POLITICAL-ECONOMIC POSITIONS.

3. COMMENT: THERE MAY BE SOME TRUTH IN HOVEYDA'S ANALYSIS, BUT CONSIDERABLE WISH IS TO BE FOUND IN HIS THOUGHTS SINCE HE IS ENGAGED IN EFFORT TO RECOUP POSITION OF LEADERSHIP HE HAD LAST YEAR BEFORE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION.

4. SOME OF ABOVE WAS CONFIRMED AT MAY 8 WORKING LUNCHEON TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, SECOND IN SERIES OFFERED BY FRG AMBASSADOR. HE HAD INVITED AMBASSADOR OF IRAN, EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA, PAKISTAN AND SIERRA LEONE FROM G-77 GROUP, ALONG WITH AMBASSADORS OF UK, ITALY, SWEDEN, AND IRELAND FROM INDUSTRIALIAED COUNTRIES. BENNETT ATTENDED FOR U.S. YUGOSLAY AND EGYPTIAN AMBASSADORS BOTH SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH TO EMPHASIZE THEIR OWN MODERATE APPROACHES TO FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SESSION AND THEIR RECOGNITION THAT THERE HAD TO BE GENUINE CONSENSUS ON WAYS TO MOVE TOWARD NEW ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS. THEY ENVISAGED ESTABLISHMENT NEW ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS AS REQUIRING A LONG GRADUAL APPROACH, PERHAPS DECADES TO ACCOMPLISH. GERMAN, BRITISH AND SWEDISH AMBASSADORS, JOINED BY BENNETT, EMPHASIZED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE NOT PREPARED TO WITHDRAW RESERVATIONS MADE EARLIER WITH RESPECT TO SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION DECLARATION OF NIEO AND PLAN OF ACTION. SEVERAL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF CONCENTRATING ATTENTION ON RESTRICTED NUMBER OF ISSUES SUCH AS COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS, TRANSFER OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, ETC., IN WHICH THERE IS REAL POSSIBILITY OF MAKING PROGRESS. HOVEYSA SAID HE WAS ARGUING WITHIN GROUP OF 27 AND ESLE-
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WHERE THAT INDEXATION WAS A BAD WORD AND A NON-STARTER FOR 7SS. HE WAS TRYING TO FIND SOME OTHER FORMULATION INVOLVING PORTECTION OF PURCHASING POWER FOR LDC'S.

5. IRAN, YUGOSLAVIA AND EGYPT ALL STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF REDUCED LIST FOR PROPOSED AGENDA THAT HAD BEEN AGREED ON BY GROUP OF 27 (REFERENCE USUN 1492). THEY ARGUED THIS REFLECTED CHANGING ATTITUDES IN GROUP OF 77 TOWARD

GREATER REALISM AND PLEADED FOR SUBSTANTIVE REPLIES
FROM INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, EITHER SINGLY OR AS A
GROUP. UK POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF FORTHCOMING OECD MEETING
IN THIS CONNECTION AND SAID THEY COULD NOT EXPECT TO
HAVE MUCH FROM DC'S BEFORE CONCLUSION OF THAT MEETING.
THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT G-77 WERE NOT ASKING FOR A
COUNTER LIST, WHICH IN FACT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE
BY BUILDING UP CONFRONTATION, BUT THEY INSISTED ON NEED
FOR REACTION AND COMMENTS FROM DC'S. THEY PLEADED FOR
THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT IN ORDER
TO RETAIN MOMENTUM FOR MODERATES IN G-77.
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